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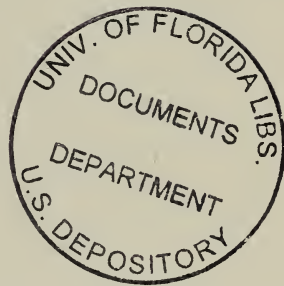
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OF THE UNITED STATES, TOGETHER WITH  
REMARKS PRESENTED IN EULOGY OF

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## Biography

MORRIS MICHAEL EDELSTEIN was born in Meseritz, Poland, February 5, 1888; at three years of age emigrated with his parents to the United States, who settled in New York City, N. Y.; attended the public schools and Cooper Union College in New York City; was graduated from the Brooklyn Law School of St. Lawrence University, New York City, in 1909; was admitted to the bar of the State of New York in 1910 and commenced the practice of law in New York City; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-sixth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William I. Sirovich; reelected to the Seventy-seventh Congress and served from February 6, 1940, until his death on June 4, 1941, in the cloakroom of the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., after completing the delivery of a speech on the floor of the House; interment in Mount Zion Cemetery, Maspeth, Long Island, N. Y.



## In the House of Representatives

THURSDAY, May 8, 1941.

Mr. BEAM. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following resolution, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

### House Resolution 201

*Resolved*, That on Wednesday, the 13th day of June 1941, immediately after the approval of the Journal, the House shall stand at recess for the purpose of holding the memorial services as arranged by the Committee on Memorials, under the provisions of clause 40-A of rule XI. The order of exercises and proceedings of the service shall be printed in the Congressional Record, and all Members shall have leave to extend their remarks in the Congressional Record until the last issue of the Record of the first session of the Seventy-seventh Congress on the life, character, and public service of the deceased Members. At the conclusion of the proceedings the Speaker shall call the House to order, and then, as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased, he shall declare the House adjourned.

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The resolution was agreed to.



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## Memorial Service Program

Prelude, sacred selections (11:15 to 11:45)

United States Marine Band Orchestra

Presiding Officer----- The Speaker of the House of Representatives

Invocation----- The Chaplain, Dr. James Shera Montgomery

Lead Kindly Light (Dykes)----- Male Quartet

Scripture reading and prayer----- The Chaplain

Roll of deceased Members

The Clerk of the House of Representatives

Devotional silence

Address----- Hon. Luther A. Johnson  
Representative from the State of Texas

The Long Day Closes (Sullivan)----- Male Quartet

Address----- Hon. Harold Knutson  
Representative from the State of Minnesota

Crossing the Bar (Barnby)----- Male Quartet

Taps----- Winfred Kemp

Benediction----- The Chaplain



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## Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY, June 18, 1941.

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives (Mr. Rayburn) presided.

The Chaplain, Dr. Montgomery:

Almighty God, fount of all life, Thou art our refuge and strength; Thou art our help in trouble. Enable us we pray Thee, to put our trust in Thee that we may obtain comfort and find grace to help in this and every time of need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in Me, though he were dead yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.*

*The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? The righteous live forever, and the care of them is with the Most High; with His right arm He shall cover them, and with His arm He shall shield them.*

*For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

*As many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father. The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God; and if children,*

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*then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.*

*For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God.*

*What then shall we say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Yet love will dream and faith will trust  
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must.  
Alas for him who never sees  
The stars shine through his cyprus trees!  
Who, hopeless, lays his dead away,  
Nor sees the breaking of the day,  
Across the mournful marbles play!  
Who hath not learned in hours of faith  
The truth, to flesh and sense unknown,  
That life is ever lord of death,  
And love can never lose its own!

“Lead Kindly Light” was sung by the male quartet.

### ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mr. Roger M. Calloway, reading clerk of the House, read the following roll:

ERNEST WILLARD GIBSON, a Senator from the State of Vermont: Born December 29, 1872; soldier; educator; lawyer; deputy clerk, United States district court; member State house of representatives, 1906; member of the State senate, 1908, serving as president pro

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tempore; State's attorney, 1919-21; Member of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth and the five succeeding Congresses; appointed to the United States Senate November 21, 1933, and subsequently elected for unexpired term; reelected in 1938; died June 20, 1940.

**ERNEST LUNDEEN**, a Senator from the State of Minnesota: Born August 4, 1878; lawyer; soldier; member of the State house of representatives, 1910-14; delegate Republican National Conventions, 1912 and 1916; served in Twelfth Minnesota Volunteers during Spanish-American War, Member of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fifth, Seventy-third, and Seventy-fourth Congresses; elected to the United States Senate 1936; died August 31, 1940.

**KEY PITTMAN**, a Senator from the State of Nevada: Born September 19, 1872; lawyer; member of committee that formulated the "consent" form of government for Nome, Alaska; first prosecuting attorney at Nome; elected to the United States Senate for unexpired term, 1912; reelected in 1916, 1922, 1928, and again in 1934; secretary Senate Democratic caucus, 1913-17; Democratic conference nominee for President pro tempore of the Senate for the Sixty-sixth and the six ensuing Congresses; elected President pro tempore of the Senate and chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, 1933, serving until his death, November 10, 1940.

**MORRIS SHEPPARD**, a Senator from the State of Texas: Born May 28, 1875; lawyer; first president of the Texas Fraternal Congress, in Dallas in 1908; Member of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh, Fifty-eighth, Fifty-ninth, Sixtieth, Sixty-first, and Sixty-second Congresses; elected to the United States Senate, 1913, 1918, 1924, 1930, and again in 1936; was dean of the Congress at the time of his death, April 9, 1941.

**WILLIS BENJAMIN GIBBS**, Eighth Congressional District of Georgia: Born April 15, 1889; lawyer; solicitor city court of Jesup, 1914; solicitor general, Brunswick judicial circuit, 1924-33; Member of the Seventy-sixth Congress; died August 7, 1940.

**GEORGE NICHOLAS SEGER**, Eighth Congressional District of New Jersey: Born January 4, 1866; businessman; educator; mayor of Passaic, 1911-19; delegate, Republican National Convention, 1916; president New Jersey State League of Municipalities, 1912-14; city director of finance, 1919-23; Member of the Sixty-eighth and the eight succeeding Congresses; died August 26, 1940.

**WILLIAM BROCKMAN BANKHEAD**, Seventh Congressional District of Alabama: Born April 12, 1874; lawyer; member State house of rep-

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representatives, 1900-1901; city attorney, Huntsville, 1893-1902; solicitor, fourteenth judicial circuit, 1910-14; Member of the Sixty-fifth and the 11 succeeding Congresses; chairman, Committee on Rules, Seventy-third Congress; majority leader, first session Seventy-fourth Congress; twice elected Speaker of the House of Representatives; died September 15, 1940.

**SAMUEL CHAPMAN MASSINGALE**, Seventh Congressional District of Oklahoma: Born August 2, 1870; lawyer; member of the Oklahoma Territorial Council, 1902; served as a member of the Second Texas Infantry, Spanish-American War; Member of the Seventy-fourth, Seventy-fifth, Seventy-sixth, and Seventy-seventh Congresses; died January 17, 1941.

**KENNETH FARRAND SIMPSON**, Seventeenth Congressional District of New York: Born May 4, 1895; lawyer; soldier; educator; captain, Three Hundred and Second Field Artillery, United States Army, 1917-19; chairman, Republican County Committee, New York, 1935-40; member, Republican National Committee, 1937-40; delegate to the Republican National Convention, 1936 and 1940; Member of the Seventy-seventh Congress; died January 25, 1941.

**WILLIAM DEVEREUX BYRON**, Sixth Congressional District of Maryland: Born May 15, 1895; businessman; lieutenant, Aviation Corps, World War; mayor of Williamsport, 1926-30; member of the State senate, 1930-34; member of the Maryland State Roads Commission, 1934-35; Member of the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh Congresses; died February 27, 1941.

**PIUS LOUIS SCHWERT**, Forty-second Congressional District of New York: Born November 22, 1892; banker; bachelor of science and economics; businessman; ensign, United States Navy; county clerk, 1933-36; Member of the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh Congresses; died March 11, 1941.

**ALONZO DILLARD FOLGER**, Fifth Congressional District of North Carolina: Born July 9, 1888; lawyer; trustee, University of North Carolina, 1932-38; judge, superior court of North Carolina, 1937; member of the Democratic National Committee, 1936-40; Member of the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh Congresses; died April 30, 1941.

**M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN**, Fourteenth Congressional District of New York: Born February 5, 1888; lawyer; received degree of bachelor of law, Brooklyn Law School, 1909; admitted to the bar, State of New York, 1910; subsequently admitted to practice in the United States district courts of New York, the Circuit Court for the

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Second District, and the United States Supreme Court; Member of the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh Congresses; died June 4, 1941.

Mrs. NORTON, a Representative from the State of New Jersey, standing in front of the Speaker's rostrum, placed a memorial rose in a vase as the name of each deceased Member was read by the Clerk.

Then followed 1 minute of devotional silence.

Dr. MONTGOMERY. Almighty God, from whom we come and unto whom our spirits return, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Thou art our refuge and strength and a very present help in trouble. Grant us Thy blessing in this hour, and enable us to put our trust in Thee, that our spirits may grow calm and our hearts be comforted. Lift our eyes beyond the shadows of earth and help us to see the light of eternity. So may we find grace and strength for this and every time of need. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hon. LUTHER A. JOHNSON, a Representative from the State of Texas, delivered the following address:

### ADDRESS BY HON. LUTHER A. JOHNSON

Mr. LUTHER A. JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, we have met today, in this annual memorial service, to pay just and loving tribute to the memory of our colleagues who have left us.

Since we last assembled in like service, nine Members of the House and four Senators have answered the final summons and responded to their last roll call.

They died in the service of their country, at their post of duty, and those of us who labored with them can best attest to their fidelity and evaluate the quality of service they gave to this Republic.

We knew them in their daily life. We saw them while they were on duty and under fire, meeting crises in passing upon great questions affecting the welfare and destiny of their country, and these are the testing times which determine the

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character, the caliber, and the fiber of which men are made. Measured by every standard, they were all men of character, integrity, ability, and fidelity.

They were among our ablest and most distinguished Members. Each had his very vivid personality, his lively individuality, and each stood with a marked degree of eminence among us.

Observance of custom and limitation of time prevent my paying tribute to each. Other Members will do this in the printed Record. But in passing I cannot refrain from mentioning two of them. One of these had attained the eminent position of Speaker of the House, second only in importance to the Presidency of the United States, our beloved and late Speaker, WILLIAM B. BANKHEAD, whose brilliant mind, whose charming personality, whose rugged honesty, and whose superb eloquence earned for him during his service of nearly 24 years in the House a national reputation as an orator and a statesman of the first magnitude.

I recall that when Speaker Byrnes, his immediate predecessor, passed away Mr. Speaker BANKHEAD paid tribute to him, and in that forceful and characteristic manner of his, and with deep emotion, said:

I cannot but feel that somehow and in some way his spiritual presence and his solicitude still abide within this Chamber.

Today in this sacred service I likewise feel that the immortal spirit of our late Speaker BANKHEAD abides with us.

The other, Senator MORRIS SHEPPARD, the dean of Congress, who served continuously in the Senate of the United States for more than 28 years, and immediately preceding served continuously as a Member of the House for more than 10 years, the length of his continuous service as a Member of Congress being 38 years 5 months and 29 days, a record unequalled by that of any other individual with two exceptions since the foundation of our Government.

A knightly warrior, eloquent and able, a loyal friend, with a kind and noble spirit and a soul pure and unsullied, who



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literally gave his life in service to his constituents and his country—that was MORRIS SHEPPARD.

The lives of all these whom we honor today were doubtless shortened by the service they gave to their country. Illustrative of the high death rate in the House, during my 18 years here I have served under 7 different Speakers, and 4 of these died while holding that high office. Contrary to the popular belief, membership in Congress requires constant labor. The manifold duties here require not only unremitting toil but deep thought, often vexatious worry, and this has been true at all times, but especially so during the grave crisis through which our country has been passing during the past few years.

A few years ago a well-known writer and prominent businessman was elected to membership in the House and after serving a short time and familiarizing himself with the duties here and becoming acquainted with his colleagues, wrote an article for a current magazine entitled "What Surprised Me About Congress," in which he described his disillusionment as to the ability of Congressmen and the amount of work which they do. His conclusion was that, viewing Congress from the inside, he was surprised to find how hard they worked, how much they knew, and the conscientious manner in which they discharged their obligations.

If the American people could see Congress at close range, and follow them daily, they would reach the same conclusion as did the distinguished author of that article.

The Congress of the United States epitomizes and expresses as no other body possibly can the genuine spirit and the profound emotion of American life. To be chosen out of a population of 130,000,000 people to be the Representatives of their constituents in the national law-making body is an honor.

Critics may speak in disparagement of our national law-making body, but the history of our Government reveals that, by and large, the type of men who have served here excel in

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character and ability the same number of men in any other similar group.

The membership of Congress, representing as it does divergent views and faiths, both political and religious, and coming from those of wealth and those of poverty, might be compared to a great mosaic, reflecting a true cross section of the American people.

It has always been a popular pastime to ridicule any legislative body, and Congress has often been made the subject of gibe and criticism, but not only the quality of its membership but the importance of the work which Congress performs is a complete answer to those who scoff.

If some foolish and fantastic decision should ever be made that one of the three coordinate branches of the Government should be abolished, the legislative, if a democracy is to survive, would be the last to go. Whatever else may be said about the Congress of the United States, with all of its faults and its foibles, it is the palladium of our liberty, and when Congress falls the Republic will die.

These colleagues of ours were worthy and honored members of this great institution, which constitutes the bulwark of our Government, and they measured up in the highest degree to all responsibilities devolving upon them. They knew first-hand what Congress was and what it meant not only to the present but to the future. Theirs was the responsibility to solve the perplexing problems of economic and social progress, to adjust differences between various contending groups, to pass laws to protect the weak from the strong, and to see that a code of government existed where justice and right would prevail, and where happiness and prosperity might abound.

They were all patriotic Americans, loving its institutions and willing to die, if necessary, to preserve them. They witnessed the threat to democracy, both from without and within, and, belonging to different political parties, may have at times differed as to methods, but all were inspired by the same

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holy ambition—that a government of the people, for the people, and by the people should not perish from the earth; that no dictator, however powerful he may be, shall ever lay his unholy hands upon this temple of democracy, established by the wisdom, the blood, and the sacrifices of our fathers.

To those of us who survive they have tossed the torch, and ours is the duty to carry on. Let us make this sacred hour not one of memorial alone but a rededication and rebirth of patriotism. Emulating their virtues and their consecration to duty, “let us highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain”; that in this dark and threatening period which menaces our existence as a nation we shall eschew all bitterness and strife, forget racial and religious differences, adjourn partisan politics, and unite as one great people, under one flag, and with one destiny—that destiny to defend America and to preserve inviolate her institutions.

The votes which our colleagues cast and the speeches which they made are preserved in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, but their memory is enshrined forever in our hearts. We shall remember best not their official record but our association with them and the ties of lasting friendship which death cannot sever and which is one of the compensating joys of our service here.

The greatest comfort and consolation that can come to their families is not alone the splendid record which they made as faithful public servants but the heritage of a good name which they have transmitted to their children, and the love, loyalty, and generous devotion which they bestowed upon their loved ones.

Each geographical section is represented in the list of our sacred dead, New England, the North Atlantic States, the deep South, the great Southwest, the Central, the Midwest, and the far West. All have representatives who have been called by the Divine Master of men to His eternal home. Death is no respecter of sections or of persons; the rich and

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the poor, the high and the low, the weak and the strong have always responded to its decree, from which there is no appeal.

But there is a comforting and solacing thought, the Christian faith, handed down to us by our fathers, and which shall abide with us forever, that death does not end all; that—

Behind the dim, unknown  
Standeth God within the shadow,  
Keeping watch above His own—

that there is a spiritual world to which man belongs, and of which he is a part, and the touch of death cannot separate him from this eternal life.

As I think of the departure of our friends, I am reminded of those lines written by Alfred Tennyson, on the occasion of the death of his dearest friend:

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea.  
But such a time as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.  
Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;  
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crost the bar.

The quartet sang "Crossing the Bar."

HON. HAROLD KNUTSON, a Representative from the State of Minnesota, delivered the following address:

### ADDRESS BY HON. HAROLD KNUTSON

Mr. KNUTSON. Mr. Speaker, this day has been set aside from our busy calendar to commemorate the past. It is not so much a day of sorrow as it is a day for retrospection and

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reflection. Today fond memory is given leeway over the pressing affairs of this troubled world.

Years ago a famous agnostic said that life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. In other words, he saw life as a futile meandering through a desolate desert wilderness, surrounded on all sides by cold and bitter despair.

What a description to give to a triumphant adventure; what a mocking play on words; what a tragic lack of faith in the sublime promise of our Saviour, Teacher, and Master. To me—and I am sure to all of you—life has been a journey, full of pleasant and worth-while contacts, precious friendships, hallowed and cherished memories.

Life is a journey through green valleys where we hear the murmur of the brook as it wends its way toward the sea of eternity; where man is born, attains maturity, strives and accomplishes according to his abilities and will to attain.

In the springtime we may see the trees and plants shooting their buds, which later burst into a profusion of foliage and flowers, while overhead feathery friends entertain us from dawn to dusk with their sweet and melodious symphonies.

In the heat of midday we may sit in the restful shade beside the brook and drink of the stream of life, contemplating the goodness and the greatness of our Creator and Comforter, while before us pass in kaleidoscopic review cherished friendships of the past, and incidents that are treasured milestones in our journey through life.

In the full richness of fall, when the golden glow is on all nature, we harvest what we have sown. It is then that we garner the fruits of our labor, and reap the blessings of well-spent lives, devoted to the service of others.

The Congress of the United States is a true cross section of America and the American people, and therefore reflects to a faithful degree their views, their hopes, and their aspirations. Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln were true exponents of those ideals, which had their beginnings in the

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rich and fertile soil of a continent free from the hatreds, fears, and prejudices of the Old World.

Here meet Representatives of the people to legislate for 132,000,000 free men, women, and children. They come from every section of the land, from all stations in life, and reflect every shade of opinion. A few are wealthy, but the majority have only their pay. With us there is no class distinction, no caste system. All work elbow to elbow for the common weal, animated by the same noble ideals and lofty purposes. All have but one goal—the greatest good to the greatest number. Therein, my friends, lies the strength of the Republic; thereon is builded the endurance and grandeur which is America.

Perhaps no other calling is so rich in opportunity for real service to our great country and to the people who have their being therein. It has been well said that "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy in this world."

The Congress of the United States has been called the greatest legislative body in all the world. My countrymen, it is more than that. In these dark and troublesome times the Congress is the anchorage of free government, a beacon light of hope to the persecuted and oppressed in other and less-favored lands.

To us, it is hard to understand how an individual, or a group, can find it in their hearts to persecute those of other creeds, races, or colors. We must accept the doctrine that God created man in His own image, hence such persecution is a rejection of the Golden Rule, a reversion to barbarism.

These are troublous days, freighted with complex and vexatious problems. At times we almost despair of the future. For a solution we turn here, there, and yon, but we will not despair for we know that in our own hands we hold the solution. The salvation of the world lies in faith, frugality, tolerance, charity, forgiveness, and creative labor.

In these cruel and trying times there is need for humane, honest, wise, and courageous leadership—leadership that is

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consecrated wholeheartedly to the common weal. The call is for those who will submerge self in the cause of the many. Such are to be found wherever patriotic men and women congregate, and it is on them that the hope and the safety and the perpetuity of the Republic must and will rest.

God give us men who are not afraid to brave the scorn and contumely of passing whims, prejudices, and passions. Almighty God, forsake us not in this troublous hour when courage appears to have taken flight and reason is tottering on her throne.

Mankind has passed through many similar and worse experiences and situations in the past. To cure present-day ills and maladjustments will need time and serious thought, but a people resolved to find the remedy for them will discover and apply them, as surely as the rising of tomorrow's sun. We will not, we cannot, fail to do so.

To my colleagues may I offer this encouragement to carry on the battle to preserve republican government at home: "Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord, thy God, He it is that doth go with thee. He will not fail thee nor forsake thee."

What will come out of the travail and suffering that mankind is now undergoing? It is for us to decide. Shall it be economic and political slavery or continued freedom—freedom to dare, to venture, to achieve, or are we henceforth to live the lives of birds confined in cages? Rather should we not resolve to remain human eagles free to soar to loftier heights, to attain yet nobler objectives, to accomplish yet greater things? Again, the answer rests in ourselves.

The true spirit of America is epitomized in a statue erected to the memory of the Pioneer Woman situated on the old National Trail, some miles east of Washington, Pa. There she stands, self-reliant, unafraid, with a babe in arm, an older child clutching her skirt, armed with a deer rifle, peering earnestly ahead for hidden dangers that she fears for her brood but cannot see. Strong, brave, self-reliant, she typifies

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the America we all revere. She it was who made possible the pacification and development of the great country we all love. She it was who transmitted to us a heritage of bravery, self-reliance, and confidence in ourselves and in our destiny, which gave to us the strength and the will to make of this the greatest nation of which there is recorded history.

Today, as never before, we miss the wise and courageous counsel of our departed friends and colleagues. Would that they were here now to advise us, to tell us what to do. We miss them sorely.

We must cleave to the will and wish to create, to build better and greater. Subversive influences that would undermine the foundations upon which the Republic rests must be eradicated and destroyed. Here, there can be room only for those who love our country, honor our institutions, and revere our traditions. Those who do not subscribe to these requirements must seek haven in other lands. Here, there can be no divided allegiance, no second choice.

Since our last memorial day four Senators and nine Representatives have been summoned to the supreme congress above. For them the turbulence of the forum has subsided. Today they have their place in a higher body where bitter partisan strife is unknown. While they are no longer with us in the flesh, their spirit is ever with us, and the memory of their labors here is an inspiration to us to carry on. Their names are writ in letters of living light on the scroll of service to their country and fellow man. "They are not dead, they are merely away."

"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Since the very inception of Christianity the followers of the lowly Nazarene have been subjected to persecution, oppression, and ridicule. Many have suffered exile from their homeland, and even martyrdom for its sake, but faith ever carried them through, and with the passing of time their



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number has increased until the cross has been carried into every corner of the earth.

To countless millions it has become a symbol of hope, a refuge in time of storm.

The Christian religion has been assailed times without number, but none have been able to offer anything substantial or tangible in its place. It has been, is, and ever will be the greatest known balm and source of comfort to mankind. It greets us at the cradle, sustains us throughout a troublous life, and its gentle and merciful ministrations enable us to face the end with hope, with courage, and with fortitude.

To the sorrowing mother who grieves over the loss of her child, to the abandoned Magdalen who walks the streets, to the man who has lost his faith, to the wayward son who roams the earth, to the cynic who scoffs and doubts—to these and to all mankind the promises of the Saviour come as a solace in their hour of darkest despair. It is then, one and all turn to Him for hope, peace, and comfort. There is, there can be no other outlet for our heart's desire. In Him rests the hope of mankind. Without that hope life would be a black void.

He has promised us eternal life, free from pain and doubt and despair. We know that He has prepared a place for His children where we shall some day gather, where broken family ties will be reunited, where cherished friendships shall be renewed. What a precious promise; what a glorious fulfillment.

Death is only a quiet door  
Set in a garden wall;  
On gentle hinges it gives, at dusk  
When the thrushes call.  
Along the lintel are green leaves,  
Beyond the light lies still;  
Very willing and weary feet  
Go over that sill.  
There is nothing to trouble any heart  
Nothing to hurt at all  
Death is only a quiet door,  
In an old garden wall.

The quartet sang "The Long Day Closes."

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Mr. Winfred Kemp, principal musician, United States Marine Band Orchestra, sounded taps.

The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D., pronounced the benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and evermore.

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### Remarks by Representative Dickstein

*Of New York*

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. Speaker, if ever there was a man whose political career was cut short at its height it was my late colleague from New York, Representative M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN. He died at the beginning of his career in this body and at a time when every Member of this House felt that here was a real leader of men and one whose future looked extremely promising.

Just turning 50, EDELSTEIN was elected to this House to fill a vacancy caused by the death of another friend of mine, Representative Sirovich. He came to this House well trained by ability and experience to perform the duties of the important office to which his constituents elected him. He was a lawyer of standing, a political leader, a student of government, and a scholar in every sense of the word. During the many years of his practice before the bar he always took care of the underprivileged and those who could not afford to pay substantial fees to lawyers. His office was open to all types of people, and he represented a constituency which are among the least privileged in this country.

Men and women of all walks of life would come to MIKE EDELSTEIN for assistance and help, and he was a father confessor to them. They opened their hearts to him and poured out the troubles of their humble daily lives to this sympathetic and attentive person who never turned anyone away who needed his help. MIKE EDELSTEIN was a true man, one who never withheld his assistance, and one whose counsel, help, and aid were ready for anyone who applied for it.

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Being the leader of the Democratic Party of his own district, he was, of course, continuously consulted on matters of party politics, and on the welfare of his constituents. In both capacities he rendered yeoman service. The Democratic Party of the city and State of New York owes a great deal of its success to the sane and sage counsel which EDELSTEIN gave it.

The humble constituents of EDELSTEIN's district have been the recipients of attention and favor in large and profuse measures since their leader, MIKE EDELSTEIN, was their friend and benefactor.

Speaking on the floor of the House on June 4, he was stricken after concluding an address in which he nailed the lie of those who were the detractors of his race and the defamers of his people. It was on this occasion when he rose to the greatest height to which any man can possibly aspire. He became like an ancient prophet of Israel who denounced the enemies of his people for what they were worth. His speech coming at the time it did aroused in all of our colleagues the feeling of resentment against those forces of evil which ever threaten to engulf American democracy, and which our American democracy forever struggles to rid itself from.

MIKE EDELSTEIN's death was not in vain. His sincerity and devotion have shown their mettle in the career of this noble American.

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### RADIO ADDRESSES OF HON. SAMUEL DICKSTEIN, OF NEW YORK, AND EMANUEL LEWIS GREENE

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. Speaker, under leave granted to extend my remarks in the Record, I include the following radio addresses of Emanuel Lewis Greene and myself over station WOV, July 27, 1941.

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## MORRIS MICHAEL EDELSTEIN

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BY THE CHAIRMAN, EMANUEL LEWIS GREENE

I should like to express my heartfelt thanks to this public-spirited radio station, WOV, for granting its facilities to the M. Michael Edelstein Memorial Foundation. But while thankful, I cannot say that it gives me great pleasure to be present on such an occasion. I should prefer, as would millions of others, to be paying honor to the living MICHAEL EDELSTEIN. There would be such tremendous satisfaction if I knew, that after the various speeches, I'd be able to walk over to one whom I was honored to call friend, and say, "You're doing swell, Congressman." There's nothing in this world I'd rather be able to do. But, if that's to be denied me, I must not let grief blind me to the great work that lies ahead. Although I am most humbly aware of my many limitations, I accept the trust placed in me by the Congressman's army of admirers who earnestly desire that "he shall not have died in vain."

I had the great privilege of assisting the Congressman while he was among us. How much work he took upon himself, how much responsibility he shouldered, how unquestioningly he gave of himself beyond the requirements of his office, how unstintingly he served his fellow man beyond the confines of a district—all this I saw. And my heart was heavy as I realized that no creature of flesh and blood could long stand such a grueling pace. My mind was troubled as I saw this great man, this unselfish servant of the people, ignoring his own needs in his concern over the needs of his fellow man. I pleaded with him to show himself a little consideration—to relax, if only for an occasional week end. But instead of resting, he poured out to me all that rankled in his heart. He pointed out the dangers that were menacing the Nation. Under such conditions, he refused to spare himself. These troubled times, he said, called for eternal vigilance, without which liberty is a hollow shell. With such turmoil in his heart, no wonder my pleas fell on deaf ears. The Congressman drove himself harder and harder—and liberty's gain is our loss.

Death may have cut short his career, but there is no reason for it to affect the influence for good which motivated his every act. Such a person as M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN doesn't really die; in the ultimate significance of that word, "life," he remains as vital in the spirit as ever he was in the flesh. Only now, in the face of his premature departure, the fulfillment of his ideals is left to other hands. To be entrusted with any part of the cause to which he gave so fully is a privilege which we, the survivors, accept with

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profound humility. May we, the living, prove worthy of his great sacrifice.

As the means of best perpetuating his principles and ideals, the many admirers of the late Congressman have founded the M. Michael Edelstein Memorial Foundation, to raise a fund to be used for the betterment of human welfare. There can be no more fitting tribute to the man whose untimely passing has been such an irreparable loss to his family, his friends, his congregation, his profession, his constituents, his Nation, and, beyond that, to all believers in democracy and tolerance. God grant that our combined efforts should not fall too far short of the glorious goal that Mr. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN had set for himself.

We have with us this evening one who was close to the late Congressman, one who fought side by side with him in the legislative halls of our Nation, and one who will see that his ideals will gain strength and momentum toward that better United States of America which we all envision. I know that you are eager to hear from one so eminent. Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, I proudly present the Honorable Samuel Dickstein, Congressman from New York City's Twelfth District, who came here especially from his many labors in Washington, D. C., to tell you about your friend, our friend, and liberty's friend, Mr. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN.

If ever a man deserved the admiration of his fellow citizens for his sincerity and devotion to duty, such a man was MICHAEL EDELSTEIN, a man who gave his life as a martyr to the cause of tolerance, liberty, and democracy.

MIKE EDELSTEIN was a product of the East Side of the city of New York. It was here where he grew up, and it was here where he came in contact with the many citizens from all walks of life who came to him for assistance. His life centered around his district, and in the Democratic club of his district he would receive callers all day long, and far into the wee hours of the morning. People came to him with all kinds of trouble, both personal and business.

He was a lawyer by profession and, as such, was familiar with human life from all of its angles. The same knowledge of human life which he obtained in his profession he put into practical application, in his conduct in the club.

MIKE EDELSTEIN was one of the best-known men in the city. Representing as he did the many poor people who came to him for assistance and guidance, he necessarily enlisted for their support many men who were high up in the life of this community. Judges, Governors, even the President of the United States received calls from MIKE EDELSTEIN on behalf of his constituents. MIKE was



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tireless in his work, conscientious in his duties, persistent in his efforts. It was because of the combination of these qualities that he was able to accomplish for his constituents all the good which he brought into their lives.

MIKE EDELSTEIN came to Congress only a year or so ago, but with the background of his work and attention to the duties of a district leader. He conducted as a Congressman the same work which he had been engaged in for years, helping the poor and unfortunate, and making their lives easier.

When accusations were made against the people of the Jewish race, MIKE EDELSTEIN could not let them go unchallenged. He took the floor. He branded as fabrications this slander against the Jewish race. He became indignant. He grew eloquent and finally collapsed and died.

There had not been many people of such character and sincerity. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN is a shining example of devotion to truth and making the supreme sacrifice in the cause of truth and justice.

I hope that EDELSTEIN's death was not in vain. I hope that by taking the floor in defense of his people he was able to convince this country of the falsity of the charges which were leveled against the Jews. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN proved by his life and achievements that just as he was sincere and loyal, so was the people he represented. He proved by his devotion to duty that other men of his race are likewise devoted to duty. He proved by attacking injustice that others of his race will not tolerate any injustice. He proved by his ability that others as able as he are ready to take up the torch where it was dropped.

Let us pause for a moment and discuss the feelings of the average American as he is stunned by the death of this great leader. The American Commonwealth was founded on the principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and on the principle that all men are created equal. This is a community which makes no distinction of race or religion, a community which gives to its citizens equal protection of the law.

Every fair-minded person knows that there is no truth or substance or any intelligent basis for the many anti-Semitic charges leveled against the people of the Jewish race, and particularly the Jewish citizens of the United States. In times of stress, when governments are on the lookout for scapegoats, some group or particular people are singled out for persecution. When Germany lost the war the people of that country sought to fasten the blame for it on the inoffensive Jewish population of Germany, and in times of economic stress the Jews have been blamed in many

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countries of the world as being responsible for the misfortunes of others. But just because blame is cast upon one race, it does not mean that fair-minded people should follow this type of propaganda. It surely has no place in the United States which is erected on the principles of American equality, and which boasts of being the haven for the oppressed from all lands.

At the end of the World War people from many countries came to this country to escape persecution, and we have extended a welcome hand to refugees from many lands enabling them to become American citizens and partake of the blessings of American liberty. Men like EDELSTEIN have labored for the welfare of all races, and in the congressional district which he represented one could find inhabitants of many racial strains. MIKE EDELSTEIN gave his services to humanity irrespective of race, and it did not make any difference to him what a man was as long as he was honest and law abiding and devoted to American institutions.

In honoring the memory of Congressman EDELSTEIN, we honor the memory of a champion for truth and justice. In a democracy like ours we must never forget that only by following the dictates of truth and justice can liberty prevail. Nations have lost their liberty because they were not vigilant, and because they took their democracy for granted. We cannot do so. We must learn that it is necessary to speak again and again without let-up about the blessings of American liberty, if we wish to preserve this race for our children and their descendants. We must not forget that bigotry and intolerance will raise their heads from time to time and seek to engulf our democracy in trouble. Whenever such a situation should arise, men like MIKE EDELSTEIN will come to the fore and proclaim to the whole world that America is not only a country based upon liberty but a country which will forever protect and preserve this Nation.

## Remarks by Representative Beiter

*Of New York*

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, in the death of MICHAEL EDELSTEIN the House of Representatives and the State of New York have lost a respected public official and one who has served his country well. I know of no man who had greater courage and a more earnest enthusiasm for the principles in which he believed than this colleague who literally gave his life in the service of his constituency.

The intensity of his convictions and the spirit with which he gave his best to every cause he championed will long be remembered here. Respected by his neighbors and colleagues and deeply loved by his friends, MICHAEL EDELSTEIN's memory will live on in these Halls and in the State and Nation which he loved and cherished. His death was a great shock to all of us, since most of us were with him here on the floor just before he was taken. He seldom missed a roll call, and it was his devotion to his duty as he saw it which contributed to his death.

I believe with all my soul that the humane principles for which MICHAEL EDELSTEIN stood will forever be upheld and engraved on the hearts of men. I know of no one who fought harder for the things he championed than this faithful public servant who has now been called to serve in a higher cause. I join with my colleagues in extending deep sympathy to his family and to his constituents. The State of New York will miss him.

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**Remarks by Representative Cullen**

*Of New York*

Mr. CUULLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to record a personal word to the Members of the House upon the life and services of that splendid and lovable character who came to Congress from the city of New York, and whose untimely death filled our hearts with sadness—the late MICHAEL EDELSTEIN.

I cherish the memory of my friend MICHAEL EDELSTEIN. He was a delightful companion and a warm-hearted and loyal friend. He possessed those human qualities which made others love and admire him.

He was successful in his work in Congress and elsewhere because of his indefatigable industry, and his intimate knowledge of anything he ever undertook to do.

I join with those who have reason to cherish his memory in paying this brief tribute to the personality and character of a man who rose to prominence in the great metropolis of New York City and who in a dignified and effective way rendered valuable services to his city, State, and country.

## Remarks by Representative Kennedy

*Of New York*

Mr. MARTIN J. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, as we assemble in this Chamber to pay tribute to the memories of our departed colleagues, we become conscious of the value of their associations and services and of the responsibilities and duties left by them to us. We apprise and appreciate the dead, free from the grosser attributes of human nature. In death all are equal—prince and mendicant, sultan and slave, sage and simple—all march to the same music through that grim and ghostly cordon beyond which we may well all meet when the sun goes down.

Death is a true and pure democracy. In the democracy of the dead all men at last are equal. There is neither rank, station, nor prerogative in the republic of the grave. At this fatal threshold the philosopher ceases to be wise, and the song of the poet is silent. The poor man is as rich as the richest, and the rich man is as poor as the pauper. There the proud man surrenders his dignities; the statesman, his honors; the worldling, his pleasures; the invalid, his rack; and the laborer rests from unrequited toil.

It therefore becomes my sad duty today to recall briefly the life, character, and accomplishments of him who, as a Member of this great body, I had the privilege of knowing intimately and well, M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN.

Born in Poland in 1888, he was brought to this country as a small child and continued to live in New York City, where he attended our public schools, Cooper Union, and the Brooklyn Law School. In 1910 he was admitted to the practice of the law.

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Throughout that long period of our friendship I greatly admired MICHAEL for his many fine qualities of manhood. He was a kindly person, a devoted son, and a loyal adherent to the ancient faith of Israel.

Alert to opportunity, self-reliant, facile, and warm-hearted, he made his own way, owing his success to his tireless persistence and his unquenchable ardor in living. He belonged to the aristocracy of the plain people of this country.

His passing is a great personal loss to me, and I know I express the sentiments of my delegation when I say that we have lost a true friend, his district a model Representative, and the country a splendid citizen.

His family life was an example and inspiration to those favored with the opportunity to observe it. While our hearts go out in sympathy and sorrow to his mother, sisters, and brothers, we would remind them that he left behind a memory of fidelity and love which as time goes on will become as sweet as the fragrance of a perfumed flower. Truly he has left footprints on the sands of time.

He added to the sum of human joy; and were everyone to whom he did some loving service to bring a blossom to his grave, he would sleep tonight beneath a wilderness of flowers.

## Remarks by Representative Sabath

*Of Illinois*

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, since our last memorial exercises four Senators and nine Representatives have responded to the final summons, which every mortal must obey; and "no man knoweth either the day or the hour."

Death is never so distressing, its chilly hand never so unwelcome, as when it withers one whose brilliancy and rare attainments set him above the ordinary level of mankind, as a character to be emulated and admired. When Nature blesses a man with unusual talents; when it invests him with nobility of mind and soul, his passing leaves a void difficult to bear, because it is hard to fill.

Representative EDELSTEIN, to whose memory we pay tribute today, was such a man. Nature was generous with him in her endowments, which he well repaid by more than 30 years of useful service to Nation, State, and community. As a successful member of the bar and a national legislator our friend devoted his talents and high character to the service of his clients and constituents with an intelligence, energy, and enthusiasm that did honor to himself and the State he represented in part.

He was an assiduous student whose books brought him sound counsel and the broad and penetrating information that made his judgment much respected. He was a citizen and legislator eagerly seeking the best interests of his country and the maintenance of its honor. Scion of a race whose history has been one of persecution, his life has given to the world another proof that this is a land wherein merit knows neither race nor creed—a nation wherein honest achievement will receive its just recognition.

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I shall never forget an interesting conversation I had with our deceased colleague on the subject of religious liberty. We know that this principle, the right to worship according to the dictates of one's conscience, free from the restraint of man-made laws, continued to be cherished by him as long as he lived, as, in fact, it has been by the race from which he sprang, whose sufferings from un-Christianlike intolerance have been no less noteworthy than the steadfastness of their adherence to the faith of Abraham.

Death lent a touch of high drama to an utterance by Mr. EDELSTEIN here, which utterance ordinarily might have gone unnoticed in these extraordinarily mercurial times. He spoke for only 1 minute when he was stopped by the gavel of the Speaker and by death's sudden dart. Yet it may be said without fear of contradiction that that was the highest moment of our deceased friend's life and that his brief remarks will go down in the annals of American Jewry as one of the most dramatic as well as most significant utterances ever made by a Jew in the Congress. In an atmosphere surcharged with passion, Mr. EDELSTEIN sounded a clarion call for reason, fair play, and tolerance. That death took him so suddenly after his heart's outpouring only serves to stress the significance of his brave defense of the Jewish people.

It was the erroneous and inaccurate charge of certain Representatives against "international bankers and their Jewish brethren" that stung the deceased to the quick, moving him to an immediate and eloquent reply. I need not repeat the charge and the defense of one group of the accused. Those are green in memory.

I wonder whether these gentlemen realize that by their unfortunate charge they killed something not only in Mr. EDELSTEIN's heart but in the heart of every Jew in the United States. You all know that to which I refer and I will not name it, because this is not an occasion for debate.



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This honorable deceased was a comparatively new Member of the House. The Record shows that he abstained from boring this House with prolix and pedantic speeches. He simply bade his time and allowed others to orate about matters of state. He was a simple soul, modest, and without any gift for ballyhoo and the histrionic. He was a quiet worker, dedicated entirely to the cause of whole America and the Jewish people. His name did not ring through the Halls of Congress as often as did those of others, yet his dramatic exit did much to preserve the high prestige of the House of Representatives. He may not have been a martyr, as some maintain, but it can be said without fear of contradiction that his short and brave challenge to the forces of Jew hatred and reaction contributed much toward that which every Member of this House holds dear.

Shrinking and in nervous dread of any sort of contest, none surpassed him in vigor of defense or bravery of attack when the fight began, as was shown by the closing moments of his life. Had the aspersion against his race, which precipitated his death, been an aspersion against himself alone, I doubt that Mr. EDELSTEIN would have dignified it by any comment; but, being a Representative here of many of his own race, he could not let that oft-repeated but erroneous charge go unanswered.

This honorable deceased ever shrank from giving pain to anybody or anything. He was always on the side of mercy, always first to urge forgiveness and charity.

Let us fondly hope, as our dead is buried out of our sight, that the unwarranted, unsupported, erroneous charge which was the immediate cause of this death may not be made again in this Hall; and I rest that hope, in part, upon this statement of the Founder of the Republic:

May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabi-

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tants. \* \* \* May the Father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness in our path and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in His own time and way, everlastingly happy.

Our friend was not much influenced by the pleasures of the world, but early discovered that the only deeds which yield a true enduring satisfaction are disinterested deeds. He found true pleasure only in laboring for the welfare of humanity, and he knew that Christian charity is the only atmosphere in which the human soul can find complete gratification.

Resting with firm step upon the rock of immutable and self-evident principles, he armed his keen eye with the powerful lens of Faith and swept, eagle-like, the boundless region of truth; viewing the ultimate reasons of things from the loftiest and serenest point. Strong in the power of synthesis, he spurned subtlety, one-sidedness, arid abstractions, vaporous generalizations, and traced the meaning of all actual existence to the ideal.

The aspiration of this good man was not in any form of luxury, and his dignity depended not upon artificial adjuncts. The superficial display and the vanity of the world at large were to him matters of absolute indifference.

Our colleague has gone from this House of Representatives to that realm from which no traveler ever returned. He leaves behind him a good name, a priceless heritage of industry, patriotism, and achievement in the interest of his country and humanity.

Those of us who have been here for many years have seen one eminent Representative after another fall by the way. The older ones in the House are nearly all gone, and new men take their places; and may we trust and believe that in the future, as in the past, we may not be wanting in good and wise men to guide the destinies of the Nation.

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Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the Record, I include the following eulogy deliv-

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ered by Rabbi Bernard Bergman, spiritual leader of the Home of the Sons and Daughters of Israel, 232 East Twelfth Street, New York, N. Y., at the funeral services of Congressman M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN on June 6, 1941, at the Gramercy Park Memorial Chapel in New York City, N. Y.:

This afternoon is a sad and mournful one for us. It is overflowing with grief, for we are gathered here to pay our last respects to our dearly beloved leader of this community and great humanitarian, Congressman M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN, who was near and dear to us.

In the literal sense there exists no need for me to extoll his manifold virtues, for they are common knowledge. He holds a warm spot in every one of our hearts, and he has earned that fondness and admiration through long years of unstinted readiness to help anyone who came to him. No special appointment was necessary to see our Congressman. There were no formalities needed to speak to our Congressman. His door, as well as his heart, was always open to all. He was an altruist, a philanthropist, a lover of mankind, always fair and just in his activities.

Congressman EDELSTEIN truly exemplifies the passage in the Talmud, "The loss of a righteous person is equal to the loss of a sanctuary." In the death of Congressman EDELSTEIN not only the Jews but all Americans mourn the loss of a true sanctuary, a human sanctuary, in which dwelt the spirit of God.

I care not how intelligent or accomplished one may be, I care not how successful or well-to-do one may be, if he does not lead a religious life, his life is without content. Congressman EDELSTEIN was a religious Jew, and thereby a religious American.

In addition thereto, he was a kind, generous, and understanding soul, ever sympathetic, tolerant, and veritably the embodiment of the finest of man's virtues. In thinking of him I am reminded of a quotation of Shakespeare, "Even nature might stand up and say to the world, 'That was a true man!'"

Congressman EDELSTEIN did not use his office as a stepping stone to personal gain, nor as a means of self-praise and self-glorification, but rather as an instrument to help others, and serve humanity. He actually lived the words spoken by God in connection with the high official of ancient days, "And it shall be upon Aaron, the priest, to minister, to serve." It was not for mastery nor for fame, that the office of the priesthood was to be used. Congressman EDELSTEIN was a servant of the people, cater-

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ing to their interests, ministering to their social and political needs.

It is most unfortunate that he was taken from us in the prime of his life, when his great usefulness to the Nation was becoming more and more apparent, especially during these critical hours, when our dear country is being assailed from within and without by enemies of our American way of living.

Congressman EDELSTEIN was truly a model American. His deep-rooted patriotism was well expressed in his last words in Congress, "We are living in a democracy. All men are created equal, regardless of race, creed, or color; and whether a man be a Jew or a gentile, he may think as he deems fit."

For these ideals Congressman EDELSTEIN was ready to sacrifice his life. He really overworked himself that democracy might live, and it may truly be said he was a martyr to democracy.

Only a few days ago, when he attended the holiday services at the synagogue where I officiate, did I learn how deeply he was concerned over the wave of antidemocracy and un-Americanism. He was a true interpreter of the ideals of democracy—a true interpreter of the soul of America. All he aimed and battled for in Congress was to bring all the blessings of American liberty to all the people in America. Yes; he lived for his people—and died for his people. May his soul enjoy eternal life. Amen.

**Remarks by Representative Capozzoli**  
*Of New York*

Mr. CAPOZZOLI. Mr. Speaker, gone from our midst is that modest, able, and alert gentleman, the late Congressman M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN. Those of us who knew him realize that his talents and qualities will be sorely missed. In these days of uncertainty, when much can happen as the result of an ill-advised word or deed, his experience with human psychology would have been of great assistance. Seldom ruffled, always the perfect gentleman, he contributed greatly to sane, sound procedure.

As a member of the bar he enjoyed an enviable reputation. He was held in an affectionate and respectful regard by judges, lawyers, and court attachés, and he enjoyed their complete confidence. Always scrupulous in his efforts to avoid offense to anyone, he lived his life to the end that he might mix with his fellow men in harmony and at peace.

To say of him he was an American is to put it mildly. It would be more in accord with the fact to say that with him Americanism was a religion in itself. His concept of the term embodied all that is noble in America and all for which America has stood throughout the years. To him some of these unfortunate present-day practices, which are properly condemned by all right-thinking Americans, were completely foreign to his understanding of the teachings of America.

His life was cut short by the Almighty Providence which determines time and place. The arduous duties of his office, and the sincerity with which he discharged them, unquestionably contributed to his passing. His demise is indeed a sad blow to his dear ones and friends. However, may I

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venture the thought that few of us can ever hope for as glorious an end as that of our departed colleague and friend. As has been said by a prominent jurist of the State of New York, in commenting upon the death of our colleague:

He died in harness, in the Hall of Congress, fervently pleading for tolerance and justice to all.

**Remarks by Representative Kennedy**

*Of New York*

Mr. MICHAEL J. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, words are a very small tribute to commemorate the passing of our distinguished colleague and my dear friend of many years, MICHAEL EDELSTEIN, who gave his life, like the Christian martyrs of old, defending the honor of his race and his creed.

MIKE EDELSTEIN was an outstanding member of public life in the city and State of New York, revered and loved by all who had the happy privilege of knowing him. He represented in the Halls of Congress a district peopled by many different races and creeds, to all of whom he gave the same patient consideration and assistance many might give to a member of their own family. He was one of the most able members of the legal profession our city has produced, and this gave him manifold opportunities to render great service to the poor and the unfortunate who had neither funds nor the inclination to seek counsel.

The passing of MIKE EDELSTEIN is a great loss to this House at a time in our national history when crusaders and patriots are sorely needed; it is a still greater loss to the thousands in his district who were so dependent upon his kindly benefaction.

## Remarks by Representative Sutphin

*Of New Jersey*

Mr. SUTPHIN. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing of the gentleman from New York, Mr. M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN, in the place to which he was elected by the people of the Fourteenth Congressional District of New York, lost to the Nation a Representative known for his humanity, for his earnest endeavor on behalf of everyday people who turned to him in the extremity of their need.

MICHAEL EDELSTEIN understood people. He knew that every man needs a friend, and he was a friend to anyone in need.

His last appeal on the floor of the House of Representatives was in behalf of tolerance, a plea for justice to all men in the spirit of our great democracy. He could not tolerate discrimination, for he was the champion of men who suffered, in one way or another, from the discriminations of those who have against those less fortunate people who have not.

An able lawyer, a conscientious Representative, a loyal friend who never spared himself in the service of others, MICHAEL EDELSTEIN has earned a place of honor and respect in the hearts of democratic people. We mourn his passing; we must strive to emulate his example.



**Remarks by Representative O'Leary**  
*Of New York*

Mr. O'LEARY. Mr. Speaker, the Nation, the State, and the city of New York have lost a faithful public servant through the passing of M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN, who died in the glory of his midcareer on the floor of this House, June 4, 1941.

Leaves have their time to fall,  
And flowers to wither at the north-wind's breath,  
And stars to set—but all,  
Thou hast all reasons for thine own, O Death!

But M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN was victorious over Death. Through death he passed to immortality while the House Chamber still resounded with the noblest American principles expressed by him in his final words.

I have never been more deeply impressed with evidence of the immortality of the soul than that manifested by the sudden calling of MICHAEL at the moment that his mission had been accomplished according to Divine Providence.

If M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN had lived the allotted three score years and ten, he could not have made a more glorious contribution to the American way of life.

We, however, his colleagues, have been deprived of an unselfish, loyal, and sympathetic friend; he shall remain in loving memory as one who has enriched our association and experience in this House.

The career of M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN was typically that provided in America as in no other place in the world. He was born in Poland in 1888 and came to this country when a small child. He resided in New York City, where he attended our public schools, Cooper Union, and Brooklyn Law School. He was admitted to the practice of law in 1910. He had a

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lasting appreciation of the opportunities offered in America for advancement and therefore a burning desire to see that these privileges were perpetuated. He never forgot his origin, regardless of his material and official success, but maintained throughout his life a deep and sincere sympathy for the plain people of this country.

His family life was exemplary. His mother has lost a reverent son but will cherish the memory of his love and fidelity and the distinction that he brought to his family.

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WEDNESDAY, June 4, 1941.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. Speaker, words fail me at this moment because of my grief, and I am sure that grief is shared by every Member of this House. You have seen a Member begin the long journey right on the floor of the House during a debate in which a man sought to protect his people, his integrity, and his Americanism. He died a martyr to a cause.

Very few incidents such as we have just seen have occurred. He was a living dynamo a few minutes ago. He is nothing now.

Mr. Speaker, it is most unfortunate that this should happen at this time, because his service to the country, to his State, and to his district is so vital.

MICHAEL EDELSTEIN was an outstanding statesman; he was a lawyer; he was a friend of humanity. He has served his country well, he has served his State well; and he served his people well. I shall ask at some other time, Mr. Speaker, that proper services be had in honor of our distinguished departed colleague. The thing is so horrible that I cannot believe what has happened.

Mr. Speaker, I will offer a resolution, but before doing so I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Martin J. Kennedy].

Mr. MARTIN J. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, a few minutes ago, Congressman M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN, our colleague from New York, passed away suddenly on the floor of this House. He had just finished making a speech in reply to a statement which he believed was unfair to his coreligionists and was of personal concern to him.

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Congressman EDELSTEIN was a friend of mine for more than a quarter of a century. Born in Poland in 1888, he was brought to this country as a small child and continued to live in New York City, where he attended our public schools, Cooper Union, and the Brooklyn Law School. In 1910 he was admitted to the practice of the law.

Throughout that long period of our friendship I greatly admired MICHAEL for his many fine qualities of manhood. He was a kindly person, a devoted son, and a loyal adherent to the ancient faith of Israel.

Alert to opportunity, self-reliant, facile, and warm-hearted, he made his own way, owing his success to his tireless persistence and his unquenchable ardor in living. He belonged to the aristocracy of the plain people of this country.

He was a highly respected member of the bar and an able pleader. Almost daily he appeared in our courts and was regarded as an expert on Federal law and procedure. While he was an aggressive advocate he never took unfair advantage of an adversary. His conduct in the courtroom was always that of a gentleman. He represented, at the request of the court, possibly more penniless defendants than any other member of our local bar.

He was a keen and understanding student of human nature. His district, the fourteenth, is located in a congested section of the city, and he was daily confronted with the problems of his neighbors. Many of his constituents were of foreign birth and their involved problems could only be solved by a man with the patience and tolerance of Congressman EDELSTEIN.

MICHAEL EDELSTEIN was elected to Congress at a special election held on February 6, 1940. He was thoroughly equipped to hold the office with a background of hard work, a training in the law, and a demonstrated capacity for service to his fellow man, his God, and his adopted country.

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His passing is a great personal loss to me, and I know I express the sentiments of my delegation when I say that we have lost a true friend, his district a model Representative, and the country a splendid citizen.

His family life was an example and inspiration to those favored with the opportunity to observe it. While our hearts go out in sympathy and sorrow to his mother, sisters, and brothers, we would remind them that he left behind a memory of fidelity and love which as time goes on will become as sweet as the fragrance of a perfumed flower. Truly he has left footprints on the sands of time.

He added to the sum of human joy; and were everyone to whom he did some loving service to bring a blossom to his grave, he would sleep tonight beneath a wilderness of flowers.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Ramspeck].

Mr. RAMSPECK. Mr. Speaker, less than an hour and a half ago our departed friend was acting in his capacity as a member of the Civil Service Committee, showing great interest in the welfare of his constituency in New York. When I walked over to the Capitol a few minutes ago and heard of his death it was certainly a great shock to me. I am deeply grieved over his death.

He has been a member of the Civil Service Committee since he became a Member of Congress. He has been a most faithful, attentive Member, interested in the work of the committee and in the welfare of the people he represented. It certainly grieves me very much that he will not be with us any longer.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. William T. Pheiffer].

Mr. WILLIAM T. PHEIFFER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from New York, MICHAEL EDELSTEIN, was my friend and neighbor. He represented the New York City district which adjoins my congressional district on the south, hence I had

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full opportunity to observe and evaluate his fine qualities of mind and spirit and his everlasting devotion to truth and the things that count most in life.

At a moment such as this the center aisle means nothing. We have lost from the Halls of Congress and from our comradeship a real man, a real citizen, who died in harness, and who, in his last words, uttered from the Well of this House just a few moments ago, expressed allegiance to those immutable and sacred principles of our Republic, for which many other great Americans have fought and died.

Mr. CAPOZZOLI. Mr. Speaker, I am shocked by what has just happened before my very eyes. About three-quarters of an hour ago the gentleman from New York, Congressman EDELSTEIN, and I walked across the Capitol Grounds together. There was nothing in his demeanor to indicate what was about to happen. As a matter of fact, there was just one thought in his mind. He was seriously concerned about a young man who had come here from New York to secure a position. Somehow, the position had not materialized and the gentleman from New York, Congressman EDELSTEIN, had left word at his office that if he showed up to be sure to give him enough money to take care of him. This was the spirit always exhibited by the gentleman from New York, Congressman EDELSTEIN. I have known him for years as a member of the bar of New York and I know many judges who have known him. I am very proud to say here that the gentleman from New York, Congressman EDELSTEIN, unquestionably was one of the foremost practitioners at the bar and a man whose word was his bond. The bar of justice has lost a brilliant lawyer and a fine gentleman, and the country at large will miss him because of his devotion to duty and his patriotism to his country, which he loved so well.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution and ask for its immediate adoption.



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The Clerk read (H. Res. 227) as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN, a Representative from the State of New York.

*Resolved*, That a committee of four Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions, and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints the following funeral committee: Mr. Cullen, Mr. Dickstein, Mr. Martin J. Kennedy, and Mr. William T. Pfeiffer.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 9 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned to meet in accordance with its previous order, at 11 a. m. tomorrow, June 5, 1941.

THURSDAY, June 5, 1941.

The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Infinite Spirit, life of our life and soul of our soul, persuade us with the profound assurance that the best life is that which is a venture made with Thee. When there goes out of our

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lives a sense of Thy nearness and awareness, we become inadequate and weak to face the fierce dilemmas of this world. May we lay hold of this truth and hide it away in our hearts, keeping the power of our moral resistance unbroken. O Thou Giver of Life, as our lives are so often misused and contradictory, teach us that our love and faith are to be judged by that which we are willing to sacrifice and suffer. Thou in whose all-loving embrace we dwell and in whom all our longings, hopes, and aspirations spring, grant that these sacred moments, at the altar of prayer, may prepare us for our labors with unfaltering faith in an unfailing God. Heavenly Father, we are saddened and touched by the sudden death of a Member, devoted and zealous in the public service. Comfort, we pray Thee, the sorrowing ones and give them peace. "Cold in the dust the perished heart may lie, but that which warmed it once can never die." Blessed truth which bridges the gulf and makes the continuity of life an enduring reality. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, June 6, 1941.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldrige, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution (S. Res. 127):

*Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN, late a Representative from the State of New York.

*Resolved*, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative the Senate do now take a recess until 12 o'clock meridian on Monday next.

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The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of the above resolution the Presiding Officer had appointed Mr. Wagner and Mr. Mead as members of said committee on the part of the Senate.

MONDAY, June 16, 1941.

Mr. KRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my own remarks by inserting in the Record at this point a resolution adopted by the Committee on Patents with reference to our late colleague, Hon. M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN, who passed away here in the House a few days ago.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The resolution referred to is as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Patents of the House of Representatives has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN, a Representative from the State of New York and a member of this committee.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Patents record its appreciation of the diligent and faithful services of the late Representative of the Fourteenth Congressional District of New York.

*Resolved*, That the Chairman of the Committee on Patents is hereby authorized to request that a copy of this resolution be made a part of the Congressional Record.

*Resolved*, That the clerk of the Committee on Patents is hereby directed to make this resolution a part of the committee records and to transmit a copy of it to the family of the deceased.



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THURSDAY, June 5, 1941.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Megill, one of its clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN, late a Representative from the State of New York, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The message informed the Senate that the Speaker had appointed Mr. Dickstein, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Martin J. Kennedy, and Mr. William T. Pheiffer members, on the part of the House, of a committee to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Mr. BYRNES. I move that the Senate resume the consideration of legislative business.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Bunker in the chair) laid before the Senate a resolution (H. Res. 227) from the House of Representatives which was read as follows:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UNITED STATES,

June 4, 1941.

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN, a Representative from the State of New York.

*Resolved*, That a committee of four Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

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*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

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Mr. MEAD. Mr. President, it has been my privilege to know the late Representative EDELSTEIN, of the Fourteenth District of the State of New York. He was always a patriotic, loyal citizen, and an advocate of tolerance and equality. He was the leader of his district and was the Representative in Congress from the district for the last two terms. He was a self-made man, and his untimely death will be a great loss to the city of New York, to the State he served so well, and to the Nation. So, Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution, which I ask to have read and considered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 127) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

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*Resolved*, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the second resolving clause, the Chair appoints the senior Senator from New York [Mr. Wagner] and the junior Senator from New York [Mr. Mead] the committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. BYRNES. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, I move that the Senate take a recess until 12 o'clock noon on Monday next.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 4 o'clock and 6 minutes p. m.) the Senate took a recess until Monday, June 9, 1941, at 12 o'clock meridian.













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